

Application Serial No. 10/849,288  
Reply to office action of July 25, 2005

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### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-16 are pending before the present amendment. By the present amendment, claim 1 has been cancelled without prejudice, and claims 2, 7, 9, 14, and 16 have been amended; and claims 17-19 have been added. No new matter has been added.

In the office action, the title stands objected to for not being descriptive. In response, please replace the title of the present application with the following:

--OUTPUT DRIVER FOR CONTROLLING SLEW RATE IN A  
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE--

In the office action, claims 1 and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by the applicant's admitted prior art. Claim 1 stands again rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,304,120 (Taito).

In the office action, claims 2-15 are indicated as being allowable if they are rewritten in independent form to include all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response, claims 2, 7, 9, and 14 have been amended as suggested by the examiner to place these claims in the allowed condition. Claim 16 has been amended to depend from claim 2. New claims 17-19 reciting the identical limitation of claim 16 have been added to depend from claims 7, 9, and 14, respectively.

For the reasons set forth above, the applicant respectfully submits that claims 2-19, now pending in this application, are in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested in the next action. This amendment is considered


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to be responsive to all points raised in the office action. Should the Examiner have any remaining questions or concerns, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone to expeditiously resolve such concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

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